

Associated Students Council
Humboldt State University
Thursday, December 4, 2014
University Center Banquet Room
Minutes #11

Call to Order

Mike Kirakosyan, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the University Center Banquet Room.

Roll Call

Representatives Present: Devante Smith, Patric Esh, Nathaniel McGuigan, Akira Brathwaite, Holly Largent, Thomas Kueplian, Taylor Mitchell, Taylor Morrison, Rebecca Ingerson, Graciela Chipres, Eamon Daly

Officers Present: Jerry Dinzes, Mike Kirakosyan, T.J. Singh, Ana Cortes

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson, Juan Cervantes, Banning Ramirez (late-excused)

Advisors Absent: Dr. Peg Blake

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: KUPELIAN/MITCHELL move to approve Agenda #11 dated December 4, 2014

APPROVED

Chair's Report

Kirakosyan reported that the AS Council will review a tabled resolution regarding the proposed honor tax, consider items that were forwarded to the Council from the Executive Committee and discuss the Spring 2015 meeting times.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes #9 dated November 6, 2014 – **Action Item**

MOTION: MORRISON/DALY move to approve Minutes #9 dated November 6, 2014

APPROVED

B. Approval of Minutes #10 dated November 20, 2014 – **Action Item**

MOTION: MITCHELL/DALY move to approve Minutes #10 dated November 20, 2014

APPROVED

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act authorized by Section 89306.)

Peter Muller, a student, commented that students are gathering to determine collective action on social justice concerns that are happening worldwide. Mueller stated that younger students should

be involved in the planning process for the HSU 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Mueller suggested that AS find ways to assist in collective action. Mueller encouraged transparency in the representation of the student body.

Appointments to Committees and Council

A.S. President (Jerry Dinzes)

No Appointments

A.S. Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

No Appointments.

A.S. Legislative Vice President (Mike Kirakosyan)

No Appointments.

A.S. Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

No Appointments

Old Business

- A. Resolution 2014-15-7: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students –**Tabled Action Item**
The resolution requests that the University Center implement an honor tax of 1-3% in dining facilities that would fund a trust that would award scholarships to Native American students and support faculty trainings to improve awareness on campus.

Dinzes presented on behalf of the resolution. Dinzes stated that he worked with Morrison to streamline the resolution by removing clauses in the resolution and also amended the resolution to incorporate a referendum during the Associated Students General Election. Dinzes noted that the University is on traditional Wiyot land and that traditional Wiyot land has been taken from the original inhabitants who have never been compensated for the land.

MOTION: CORTES/CHIPRES move to remove from the table and approve Resolution 2014-15-7: Resolution on the Creation of a Scholarship Trust for Native American Students
AS AMMENDED
TABLED TO FIRST SPRING 2015 MEETING

Kirakosyan opened the floor to Public Comment.

Michelle Gibbons, a student, commented that the concept of a scholarship for Native American students is good, but that it should not be funded by a surcharge on food. Gibbons noted that a food pantry has opened on campus because students are experiencing food insecurity.

Ricardo, a student who lives in the Residence Halls, commented that he was concerned that his meal plan does not provide enough for him and an additional surcharge on food would not allow him enough food for the semester,

Dakota, a student who lives in the Residence Halls, stated that the Residence Halls have over 2,200 residents who have a meal plan and the surcharge would increase the costs that the students are required to pay.

Katie, a student who lives in the Residence Halls, stated that it would be unfair for students to contribute to scholarship funding through a surcharge on food and then not be able to apply for the scholarship.

There was no further Public Comment.

Mitchell stated that the Public Comment today differed from the last meeting, but that the sample size at this meeting and the last meeting were small in comparison to the student body and suggested that placing the referendum on the ballot would increase the sample size. Ingerson stated that she has spoken to Ron Rudebock, the Director of Dining Services, and that 70% of dining revenue comes from students who live on campus.

MOTION: ESH/INGERSON move to amend the resolution by inserting the word *voluntary* before the word *surcharge* in paragraph five

APPROVED
(5) NAY
(1) ABSTENTION

Brathwaite stated that those who were in favor of the surcharge would naturally opt in and those who are not in favor would not and that more information would need to be added on how the volunteer surcharge would be taken. Esh stated that he has spoken to students who do not want to be forced to pay a surcharge for food. Cortes stated that the referendum would allow the student body to decide if they are in favor of a surcharge. Mitchell encouraged the Council to vote down the amendment and suggested that the amendment be addressed after the proposed amendments submitted by Dinzes and Morrison are considered. Singh stated that he was concerned with the amount of students who are aware of the potential surcharge and that he would be more comfortable with the resolution if the surcharge were voluntary.

MOTION: DINZES/CORTES move to call the question

APPROVED
(2) NAY

MOTION: DINZES/MITCHELL move to amend the resolution to incorporate the proposed amendments submitted by Dinzes and Morrison

TABLED

Brathwaite stated that a decision would need to be made if students would make a voluntary donation each time they purchased food or if it would be a one-time opt in for students. Dinzes stated that he would like students to have the opportunity to vote on if they would like the honor tax to be voluntary or required. Mitchell stated that there are three different plans for students and that the surcharge would be only \$25 for the largest meal plan per semester. Esh noted that revenue generated from the surcharge would provide more scholarship funding for students than stated that it is unfair for there to be more funding available in the Native American Trust than there would be in the AS Campus/Community Service Scholarship.

MOTION: DINZES/CORTES move to amend the amendment by striking *of 1%* in paragraph twelve and include the following question:

Question #2: Would you prefer that the honor tax is an optional donation on each purchase or a mandatory surcharge of 1%?

Brathwaite stated that more information may need to be included. Dinzes stated that the resolution will be incorporated in the sample ballot. Dinzes stated that the question will allow students the opportunity to voice their opinion on the question. Esh voiced concern that referendum questions were being amended and changed during the meeting.

The Amendment to the Amendment was withdrawn by Dinzes and Cortes

MOTION: DINZES/KUPELIAN move to table the resolution with the pending amendment to the first meeting of the Spring 2015 semester APPROVED

Cortes stated that those who have input should work with Dinzes on the resolution. Esh and Brathwaite requested that Dinzes work with them on proposed changes.

- B. **Legal Consultant – Client Fee Contract –Action Item**
The Executive Committee reviewed and has recommended approval to the Associated Students Council: Legal Consultant – Client Fee Contract between Associated Students, Humboldt State University and Education and Non-Profit Consulting, Inc.

Tyson presented on behalf of the item. Tyson explained that each CSU Auxiliary is required to have an attorney and a certified public accountant (CPA) on record. Tyson noted that the current CPA firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLP was approved by the Associated Students Council in Spring 2013. The AS Executive Committee has recommended Mark Bookman as Legal Counsel for the Associated Students. Tyson noted that Bookman presented to the AS Council at the Fall Orientation in August and is very knowledgeable about Auxiliary Organizations in the CSU.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: DINZES/MITCHELL move to approve Legal Consultant – Client Fee Contract APPROVED

Tyson noted that Mark Bookman served as the AS General Manager at CSU Chico for a period of time. Dinzes stated that Bookman is student centered and that he has a unique knowledge base.

- C. **Resolution 2014-15-4: An Act to Amend the Associated Students Administrative Code – Action Item**
The Executive Committee reviewed and has recommended changes to the Administrative Code that allows the AS President and AS Student Affairs Vice President to serve on the *AS Presents Team* in an interim capacity through the summer and the beginning of the fall semester.

Dinzes presented on behalf of the Act. Dinzes stated that the act was originally written by Singh and that the change would allow the Student Affairs Vice President and the A.S. President to have a closer relationship with the AS Presents program during the summer. The service of the A.S. President and Student Affairs Vice President would not serve on the AS Presents Committee beyond September 30 unless appointed by the Council.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: CORTES/INGERSON move to approve Resolution 2014-15-4: An Act to Amend

the Associated Students Administrative Code

APPROVED
AS AMMENDED

Dinzes stated that this change will assist the Student Affairs Vice President in building professional experience for their role. It was noted that clarifying language should be included so it is understood that the positions on the committee are for the incoming AS President and Student Affairs Vice President.

MOTION: DINZES/INGERSON move to amend the resolution by inserting the word *incoming* before the word A.S. President
APPROVED

Ingerson asked what would happen during the summer if the AS President or Student Affairs Vice President were unavailable. Ramirez responded that much of the work during the summer is done through e-mail and online correspondence.

- D. Rescheduling of the AS Council meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to Friday, January 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. –**Action Item**
The Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 Section 89305.5 requires each legislative body to annually establish the time and locations for holding regular meetings. At the August 28, 2014 AS Council meeting, the Council approved the Spring Semester meeting time to be Monday's at 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Based on a review of Council members Spring Semester class schedules, a Monday at 3:00 p.m. meeting time conflicts with at least six schedules. The times that conflicts with the least members schedules for a three hour time block is Friday's at 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Council will determine a date and time for the first Spring semester meeting. This feedback will be used in preparing the Spring 2015 Meeting Calendar and Standing Rules that will be approve at that meeting in January.

Tyson presented options on the Spring meeting time to the AS Council and displayed a matrix of available meeting times of the Council. Tyson explained that the Council's class schedules do not provide a time that everyone is available. Tyson noted that the Council has already approved a Monday at 3:00 p.m. meeting time.

There was no Public Comment.

MOTION: DALY/CHIPRES move to approve Rescheduling of the AS Council meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to Friday, January 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
APPROVED
(2) OPPOSED
(2) ABSTENTIONS

The Council discussed the suggested meeting time and noted potential conflicts. It was noted that many Council members have Monday classes because it is the only section of courses that are required to graduate.

MOTION: MITCHELL/KUPELIAN move to amend the motion by striking *Friday, January 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.* and replacing with *Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.* FAILS
(5) ABSTENTIONS

The Council continued to discuss a permanent meeting time that would best work for the Council.

Tyson asked the Council to return their personal schedules to her so that the office may review individual Council member conflicts. It was suggested that the discussion item of a spring semester meeting time be placed on the December 18 meeting agenda.

Official Reports (10 minutes limit each speaker, additional time at discretion of Chair)

President (Jerry Dinzes)

Dinzes reported that he met with the Strategic Plan Diversity and Inclusion Committee with Chipres. Dinzes met with staff from Facilities Planning to discuss the UC South Lounge redesign of the Clubs & Activities Office and the Associated Students Office. Dinzes attended the College of Distance Learning and Extended Education Committee which is developing the policy for online courses. The IRA Subcommittee met to discuss the IRA Reserves of unspent funds and there is a proposal to create special programs or projects that enhance the student experience and an opportunity for students to submit ideas will be provided. Dinzes met with the University President and discussed the University's response to the Meningitis Outbreak. Dinzes attended the Programs and Facilities Committee of the University Center Board of Directors.

Administrative Vice President (Ana Cortes)

The AS Event Funding Committee met two weeks ago. The Board of Finance will begin to review requested budgets next semester of the different AS Programs. Cortes has ordered t-shirts for the AS Council.

Board of Finance Report – December 3, 2014

1. 2015-16 AS Budget Timeline – Information Item
The Board of Finance reviewed and considered for approval the 2015-16 AS Budget Timeline.

The Board of Finance approved the 2015-16 AS Budget Timeline.

2. 2015-16 AS Budget Application Materials – Information Item
The Board of Finance reviewed and considered for approval the 2015-16 AS Budget Application Materials.

The Board of Finance approved the 2015-16 AS Budget Application Materials. Application Materials will be forwarded to program in early January 2015.

Student Affairs Vice President (T.J. Singh)

Singh reported that he has been working on the Finals Week Study Lounge event. Singh has placed a volunteer signup sheet in the office. The schedule of the study lounge will be 5:30 p.m. – Midnight Sunday, December 14 – Wednesday, December 17. Singh will be in contact with Dining Services for catering for Study Lounge.

Legislative Vice President (Kirakosyan)

Kirakosyan reported that the Student Health Advisory Committee and the Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Prevention Committee did not meet this semester. On December 9, the Eric Rofes Queer Resource Center will be hosting a winter holiday party at 7:00 p.m. in the Green and Gold Room. The QHSU Facebook page, which updates fans on queer events, now has over 70 likes. The Queer Resource Center Steering Committee will be meeting next Friday. Any students with ideas about a

Queer Resource Center should contact Kirakosyan. Kirakosyan noted that the AS Council had perfect Office Hour attendance the week of November 17-21. Kirakosyan stated that a change in protocol instituted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion regarding hate incidents includes contacting student organizations with membership of the targeted group.

Smith – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Smith reported that the International Advisory Committee (IAC) met with the Provost to discuss ways to internationalize the campus. The IAC is devising a plan to assist faculty traveling abroad to utilize their experience in their work. The Lambda Fraternity will be hosting an event on December 6th from 8:00 p.m. – Midnight.

Morrison – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morrison reported that the Graduation Pledge Alliance will be at the Fall Graduation Reception and the Environmental Justice Day Summit. Morrison is continuing to input information on the schools dining purchases into the Real Food Calculator.

Chipres – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Chipres met with the Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce for the Strategic Plan. WRRAP is conducting a holiday card making workshop. WRRAP will no longer host Green Graduation.

Ingerson – College of Professional Studies

Ingerson reported that the Grievance Committee continues to discuss its subject matter jurisdiction. RHA discussed the Honor Tax proposal and came to a general consensus that they were not in favor of the proposal. Ingerson would like to work with Dinzes on the Honor Tax proposal.

Mitchell – College of Professional Studies

No report.

Daly – College of Professional Studies

Daly reported that he will be serving as the liaison to the Film Festival

McGuigan – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

McGuigan reported that the Women's Resource Center is hosting the Environmental Justice Conference in the Kate Buchanan Room on Saturday, December 6. McGuigan has been working with the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee to have more women's self-defense classes offered.

Brathwaite – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Brathwaite has been tabling regarding the honor tax to receive feedback from students.

Kupelian – College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Kupelian reported he attended the Board of Finance meeting. The Armenian Student Association is working on a proposal to place a plaque near the McKinley statue on the plaza that explains issues of genocide. The sculptor of the statue survived the Armenian genocide and the plaque would note both the Armenian genocide and the local genocide of the Wiyot tribe.

Largent – At Large

Largent is working on a binder that chronicles past issues of student fee increases and civil rights on the HSU campus.

Adjournment

Kirakosyan adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:20 p.m.

Recorded by:
Rob Christensen
AS Council Assistant

Approved by:



Mike Kirakosyan
Legislative Vice President